

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Kindly amend the specification as follows*

Delete the sole paragraph of page 49 (also designated as ¶ [00143] in the published specification), and replace it with the following paragraph:

The preferred embodiments of the compounds and methods of the present invention are intended to be illustrative and not limiting. Modifications and variations can be made by persons skilled in the art in light of the above teachings. Therefore, it should be understood that changes maybe made in the particular embodiments disclosed which are within the scope of what is described as defined by the appended claims.